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## Lt. Governor Skillman Awards More Than \$8 Million in Community Focus Funds

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced today that 16 Hoosier communities will receive Community Focus Fund (CFF) grants, totaling \$8,225,291. The grants are funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> round of CFF grants the Lt. Governor has awarded since 2005.

"The CFF program funds projects that are necessary for communities to succeed economically," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. "Quality infrastructure, reliable emergency services, and amenities which improve quality of life all contribute to stronger rural communities."

OCRA provides technical assistance to community leaders during the 18-month implementation of their CFF projects. Grantees include:

| Grantee               | County     | <b>Project Description</b> | Grant Request |         |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Advance, Town of      | Boone      | Rescue Truck               | \$            | 150,000 |
| Atlanta, Town of      | Hamilton   | Stormwater                 | \$            | 600,000 |
| Auburn, City of       | DeKalb     | Wastewater                 | \$            | 600,000 |
| Clarks Hill, Town of  | Tippecanoe | Fire Station               | \$            | 490,000 |
| Cloverdale, Town of   | Putnam     | Wastewater                 | \$            | 600,000 |
| Crawford County       | Crawford   | Water Project              | \$            | 600,000 |
| Greene County         | Greene     | Wastewater                 | \$            | 498,676 |
| Howard County         | Howard     | Wastewater                 | \$            | 600,000 |
| Knox, City of         | Starke     | Domestic Abuse Center      | \$            | 424,620 |
| Lawrence, City of     | Marion     | Wastewater                 | \$            | 600,000 |
| Newburgh, Town of     | Warrick    | Stormwater                 | \$            | 600,000 |
| Randolph County       | Randolph   | Daycare Center             | \$            | 500,000 |
| Russellville, Town of | Putnam     | Water Project              | \$            | 600,000 |

| Shadeland, Town of | Tippecanoe | Clearance/Demolition | \$<br>425,000 |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Wabash County      | Wabash     | Stormwater           | \$<br>500,000 |
| Walkerton, Town of | St. Joseph | Fire Station         | \$<br>436,995 |

Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman will host a ceremony to honor the awardees at the Statehouse on February 10 at 2:00 p.m.

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Lt. Governor Skillman oversees the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. OCRA was created by legislation in 2005, making rural Indiana a major focus for the first time. For additional information on OCRA and its programs visit <a href="www.ocra.in.gov">www.ocra.in.gov</a>.

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